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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONDUCTING CHEMICAL OR BIOCHEMICAL REACTIONS  
ON A SOLID SURFACE WITHIN AN ENCLOSED CHAMBER

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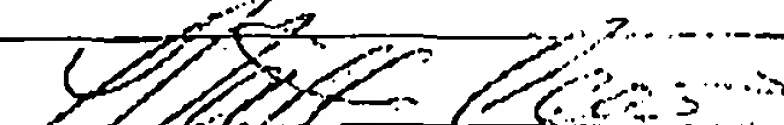
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Sir:

This reply is responsive to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 8, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In view of the amendments and remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.